

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/18/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is responsive to the applicant's amendment dated 04/18/2006. The Applicant(s) amended claims 1-5, and added new claim 6 (see the amendment: pages 4-6; also see examiner's amendment below).

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was proved by applicant's representative, Thomas E. Mckiernan (37,889), through a telephone interview on 06/29/2006. The Examiner's Amendment is as following:

In the claims (refer to the amendment filed on 04/18/2006):

Claim 1, on page 4, line 13 of the claim, replace "if the differing position" with --if a number of the differing positions--.

Claim 3, on page 5, line 20 (last line) of the claim, replace "if the differing position" with --if a number of the differing positions--.

Claim 4, on page 5, line 12 of the claim, replace "if the differing position" with --if a number of the differing positions--.

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Claim 5, on page 6, lines 15-16 (last two lines) of the claim, replace “if the differing position” with --if a number of the differing positions--.

Claim 6, on page 6, line 12 of the claim, replace “if the differing position” with --if a number of the differing positions--.

-----End of Examiner's Amendment-----

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent **claims 1, 3-6**, the instant application is directed to a process, computer program product, apparatus, and computer readable recording medium for creating a translation-sample dictionary for an example-based machine translation. The independent claims, combining other well-known features in the art, identifies the uniquely distinct features of:

generating variables by linking said at least one differing position detected by comparing first text-based translation-example information and another first text-based translation-example information so as to create second text-based translation-example information; registering said second translation-example information into said translation-example dictionary; and determining that the first text-based translation-example information is not similar to the another

first text-based translation example information if a number of the differing positions is greater than a threshold value.

The prior art of record, NII et al. (5,659,765), Taki et al. (4654798), Schmidt et al. (US 5682416), Tominga (5311429) and Hirakawa et al. (5579224), provided numerous teachings and approaches of machine translation and dictionary management, including recording/learning processing of translation examples, using bilingual correspondence analysis dictionary, linking between different language sentences with sentence number and key data, using semantic dictionary providing semantically equivalent sentences, generating co-occurrence relation information from sentences and provide the corresponding dictionary, and improving dictionary creation process with registered knowledge. However, the combined features stated above, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over the prior art of the record.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qi Han whose telephone numbers is (571) 272-7604. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil, can be reached on (571) 272-7602.

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